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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **ABE, Koichiro**

Serial No.: 10/006,717

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: **DISPOSABLE SYRINGE DEVICE AUXILIARY UNIT FOR  
PREVENTING IATROGENIC INFECTION THROUGH NEEDLE**

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: **Roz GHAFORIAN**

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July 30, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.